

## **Crime Prevention Information**



## **Residential Burglary Prevention**

Residential burglaries most often occur in the daytime when no-one is home. Residents must do their part to reduce their risk by "Hardening-the-Target" against would-be-burglars. This is a basic list of measures to enact at your residence. Also find the "Residential Security Survey" form on this website.

Print and complete it for a detailed analysis of your property.

## **Exterior**

Lighting – Dusk-to-Dawn or Timer is recommended rather than Motion Out-Buildings/Sheds - Close Locks, Strengthen Latches
Ladders – Secure in garage, or chain to fencing
Battering objects – Secure loose bricks and blocks inside
Unsecured property – Secure bicycles, lawn equipment
Garage Doors - Keep closed to prevent theft/entry
Accesses – Secure dormers, under-house accesses
Shrubbery – Trim down to 3ft, Keep Tree branches above 6 ft

## Interior

Door locks – Deadbolts, and long 3"screws in strike plate
Peep Holes – Install 4 1/2 to 5 feet high on door
Sliding Doors – "Charley-Bar", Pin, Screws in top track
Window Locks – Pin Wooden Windows, Key Locks
Valuables Storage – Lock/Store away from regular locations
Property Marking – Engrave Drivers License or other number
Property Inventory – List Brand, Model #, Serial#, Value
Access to telephone - At least one Corded Phone in house
Interior locks – Locks on Guns and Gun Cabinets, Jewelry
Keys – Who has keys? Is it time to Re-Key Locks?
Door from Garage – Lock it. Garage doors don't always close.

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